

WEATHER FORECASTS

The barometer is abnormally low over the interior of this Province, and northerly and westerly gales prevail on the Coast. Prevailing easterly gales prevail in the Prairie.

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Speech From Throne Makes Only Vague Reference to Action To Be Taken on Maritime Report

NOT MUCH INTIMATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICY

Ottawa Ministry Does Not Indicate Promised Strong Programme — Nothing Mentioned of Tax Reduction

OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—With unusual pomp and ceremony His Excellency, Lord Willingdon, today formally opened the sixteenth Parliament of Canada. His Excellency entered by the main door instead of a ceremonial entrance as formerly, and the procession wound its way through the corridors to the Senate, departing the name way. The scene was one of great brilliancy, and was in harmony with the progress in point of time, many so evident in the past few years. Its official function it has an increasing attractiveness even for the most ardent advocates of pure democracy. Lord Willingdon is a perfect master of French, and his fluency, diction and accent in that language were most commendable upon which Canadians.

The speech from the Throne did not indicate any legislation of major importance, and unless there is more than forecasted it will be a session void of originality.

New business, as forecasted in the speech from the Throne, will be the revision of the rules of the House of Commons, the creation of a committee plan, and possible legislation based on the Duncan report. The possibility of further construction of the Hudson Bay Railway, more branch lines for the Canadian National, and approval of the agreement with leaders of Great Trout perpetual debentures were mentioned. The programme should be completed in ten days, except for the legislation scuttled by dissolution last year, which will be reintroduced.

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"Once again we have reason to be thankful for a bountiful harvest and other assurances of continued prosperity. It is gratifying to note that during the year the foreign trade of Canada has shown further marked improvement, and that immigration has substantially increased.

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"The gravity of making adequate provision for the public services has compelled us to summon you at an earlier date than would otherwise have been necessary. In order to provide for present and immediate future needs and to expedite legislation, you will be asked forthwith to see the necessary supply for the current financial year. It is not proposed to proceed with the ordinary business of the session until the re-assembling of Parliament in the new year.

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Speaker Has Presided Over Three Parliaments



HON RUDOLPHE LEMIEUX
has hitherto been the invariable custom of the Canadian Parliament to open its sessions alternately from English speaking and French speaking members, but at the instance of the prime minister the Parliament Mr. Lemieux, a French-Canadian, was elected to succeed himself.

GORDON HEAD HAS FULL CO-OPERATION

FRUIT GROWERS ARE MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATION TO EXTEND TO 100 PER CENT

Organization Ready to Join Mayor and Chamber of Commerce in Industrial Scheme

Gordon Head fruit growers are anxious that co-operation among an association of Commodity associations can be planned and possible legislation based on the Duncan report. The possibility of further construction of the Hudson Bay Railway, more branch lines for the Canadian National, and approval of the agreement with leaders of Great Trout perpetual debentures were mentioned. The programme should be completed in ten days, except for the legislation scuttled by dissolution last year, which will be reintroduced.

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DUNCAN PROTESTS CHANGE IN MAIL

EFFORT MADE TO ALTER ORDER AFFECTING SERVICE WITH COWICHAN LAKE

Special Meeting of Board of Trade Takes Prompt Action at Special Meeting Yesterday

DUNCAN, Dec. 10.—A special meeting of the Duncan Board of Trade had hardly come to an end at the Agricultural Hall yesterday when the purpose of protesting against the action of a Canadian postal authority in closing out the small service between Cowichan Lake and Duncan. Unless the protest lodges by noon to-morrow, the change will go into effect.

A similar protest was issued by the Postoffice Department in March, this year, but the Duncan Board of Trade at that time succeeded in having the order withdrawn. It is believed that influence from Duncan to Victoria have again been at work to divert the mail service from its natural channel. The board is taking the matter up direct with the Postmaster-General, and also through the member for the constituency of Duncan. The resolution passed by the board yesterday reads as follows:

"The Duncan Board of Trade, as a special meeting called to consider the question, strongly protest against the action of the Postmaster-General in closing out the small service between Cowichan Lake and Duncan. This ceremony was heard last night by listeners in around fire-sides from Eddystone to the Orkneys. In order to secure adequate reception six microphones were specially installed at the Tower.

Mr. Lloyd George Pays For First Time Visit To Film Picture Show

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Former Premier Lloyd George paid his first visit to a motion picture show tonight. With his wife and daughter, Megan, he saw the motion picture "Ben Hur" at the Trocadero Theatre. He said it was quite a novel experience, as hitherto the only motion pictures he had seen were silent films.

"Ceremony of Keys" Broadcast From Tower

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Millions of British listeners throughout Great Britain last night heard from within the walls of the old Tower of London "The Ceremony of the Keys," a rare ceremony which the discontinuance of this service will cause much inconvenience and loss of business to both these centres.

Conference Report Is Presented at Ottawa

VANCOUVER, Dec. 10.—The annual convention of Town Planners Institute of Canada, will be held in this city in May, it was announced at the annual meeting of the Vancouver branch Tuesday evening. The invitation to headquarters at Ottawa to hold a conference in this city was accepted.

Four ships were shipwrecked without food in British Columbia island.

Dominion, Imperial and Foreign Officers of Parliament open.

Allies have abandoned military control in Germany.

Fires break out in theatre in Rome.

Estimated died in Ottawa show.

General's warrant.

Canadian wine prizes at Chicago Horse Show.

Fires rage in Princeton, Ind., mine.

Colonist Tower.

Saturday, December 11

4:35 a.m. 12 o'clock.

High tide: 12:30 a.m. 24 feet.

The News

Local and Provincial.

Chinese killed on Government Street when struck by automobile.

Dominion Mail Company, Inc., may establish branch factory here.

Gordon Head Fruit Growers' Association enjoys full measure of success.

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Millar Will Probated

TORONTO, Dec. 10.—Mr. Justice

will of Charles Millar, prominent Toronto lawyer, and barrister, which makes very unusual because he provides that the residuum shall go to the Toronto mother who raises the largest family during the next ten years.

The fact that the Emperor's tem-

perature is lower is encouraging, his physicians hoping for improvement in his condition, once his appetite is restored.

Emperor of Japan Has Developed Pneumonia

TOKIO, Dec. 10.—Vice-Minister

of the Household Department

today confirmed the report that bron-

chitis, which has caused

Emperor Hirohito to be confined to his bed at his villa, has developed into pneu-

monia.

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Pioneer Lawyer Dies

SEATTLE, Dec. 10.—John Arthur

seventy-seven, pioneer Seattle lawyer and former King County Superior Court Judge, was seriously injured here today when struck down by an automobile driven by J. A. Schubert, who was arrested for reckless driving.

Writer Dies

OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—Amos Benja-

min, author and friend of Charles Dickens and author of several

biographies of the great writer, is

dead here, aged eighty-six years. He

came to Canada in 1912 to live with

his son here.

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THEATRE ON FIRE; ACTRESSES DIE

Head of Serbian Line Is King of Jugo-Slavia

Fire Started by Short Circuit Bursts From Behind Stage Into Auditorium in Italy's Capital

PANIC ARISES WITHIN NEIGHBORING AUDIENCE

Sound Is Carried Through Walls of Screams of Women and Roar of Flames—Stampede Follows



KING ALEXANDER

The dynasty of which he is the representative is of royal origin, but distinguished for personal qualities and for heroic service in freeing Serbia from the Turk and in the Great War.

GENEVA GLOOMY OVER REPORTS

Advises From Paris Show That Council of Ambassadors Is Still a Long Way From Settlement

FOREIGN MINISTERS HESITATE TO DECIDE

They Are Unwilling to Take Responsibility for Ending Inter-Allied Control in Germany

GENEVA, Dec. 10.—Considerable gloom prevailed in Geneva yesterday on receipt of advice from Paris that the council of ambassadors and military experts of the Allies and Germans were still wide apart; that the Allies still found the German armaments concerning armaments unsatisfactory.

The foreign ministers assembled in Geneva undoubtedly hesitate to take responsibility for ending the inter-allied control of Germany. The 10th of December is the dimension over the question at Paris. Doubt is expressed that the problem can be settled tomorrow as had been expected, since the Germans are taking the attitude that they have gone to the limit of concessions and do not see why the Allies' demands are not sufficient.

The two principal obstacles remaining in the way of agreement are the manner of payment of the German armaments and the suspension of the Koenigsberg fortresses.

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At the moment of the fire, a number of spectators, mostly women in the audience, and the roar of the flames were heard in the adjoining Eliseo Theatre, where a performance of "Cavalleria Rusticana" was in progress, causing a stampede among the thousand persons in the audience.

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VOTING IS SUCCESS SAYS ALD. MARCHANT

Counting Could Be Improved—One-Ballot Method Would Also Improve System

Ald. William Marchant, chairman of the committee which recommended the new system of voting, expressed the opinion that the system had proved a success. It was in the way of an experiment, and because of this certain allowances should be made.

If it is the desire of the voters, Ald. Marchant stated that the new arrangement did away with congestion. It also did away with any perplexity. Voting on the various issues was done equally well, if there had been a polling booth for each ballot.

There were several improvements that could be made, Ald. Marchant said. One was the counting of ballots.

This could easily be improved upon in the future, he said. Another improvement would be in the ballot system.

Ald. Marchant said that he would recommend to the legislative committee that it suggest changes in the Municipal Election Act, by which the one-ballot system could be put into effect.

Another thing in favor of the new system was that it would save the city from \$400 to \$500.

Ald. Marchant commended the way in which Returning Officer Scowcroft managed the election. He did admit, however, that owing to the system being a new experiment, the committee was not able to foresee just what help would be needed in connection with the counting.

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"Those Government measures which passed the House of Commons at the last session of Parliament, but which failed to become law, will be reintroduced. Amendments to the Canada Grain Act will also be submitted for your consideration.

New House Rules"

"With a view to expediting public business generally, and to afford opportunity for an early consideration of amendments to the rules of the House of Commons.

"My Government has continued to give special attention to the fuel problem and measures providing for assistance to the producers of coal for the production of domestic coke from Canadian coal will be submitted.

"The report of the Commission appointed under the Inquiries Act to examine and report upon conditions in the Maritime Provinces will be presented immediately, and your attention will be invited to its recommendations. Measures dealing with the matters referred to in the report of the Commission are now under consideration by my Government, and certain legislation in respect thereto will probably be introduced.

"Natives. Consideration

"Good progress has been made with the work on the Hudson Bay Railway, and it is planned to continue construction at an early date as possible next year. It has been decided to submit the study of conditions at the port to the careful examination of an outstanding British authority on tidal and estuarial conditions affecting harbors.

"Canadian National branch-line construction on the basis of a definite three-year programme having proved entirely successful, another method of dealing with necessary railway expansion will be continued and another three-year programme will be submitted for your consideration.

"You will be asked to approve an agreement with the holders of Grand Trunk Pacific perpetual debentures. Imperial Conference

"Members of the Government have just returned to Ottawa from attending the meetings of the Imperial Conference. The report of the proceedings of the conference, together with the recommendations, will be placed before you for consideration.

It will, I believe, be recognized that the position of the Government represented at the conference have gone far to set forth the relations of the members of the British Commonwealth of Nations to one another and to foreign countries, and to insure a ready appreciation of the full measure of self-government now attained in all that relates to their domestic and external affairs. After the prolonged consideration given to specific matters of joint concern, the conference has done much to insure the free and effective co-operation in common ends of the Governments and peoples of the British Empire.

"The recent appointment of a minister plenipotentiary, accredited by His Majesty to represent the territories of Canada in the United States, marks an important stage in the development of the international relations of the Dominion.

Confederation Celebration

"The Diamond Jubilee of Confederation will be appropriately celebrated during the coming year. I am sure you will be pleased to note that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has graciously accepted an invitation from my Government to visit Canada, circumstances permitting, in connection with the celebration. My Government has also extended an invitation to the Premier of Great Britain. The Prince Minister has accepted the invitation and has expressed the hope that when the time arrives he may find it possible to be present."

Members of the House of Commons

"The estimates for the current financial year, which have not hitherto been voted by Parliament, will, as already mentioned, be submitted for your approval forthwith. Estimates for the financial year 1927-28, will be

submitted for your consideration.

DISTILLERY SHIPS
TO EUROPE'S PORTS

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and appeared before the Commission last week, but stated that she did not know where her husband was.

Tom Fay will be the first witness called when the Commission meets on Monday. He was asked to tell what he knows about the disappearance of the vessel Chris Modler which, with his clearance to San Blas, Mexico, from Vancouver, was held up in Victoria on suggestion of the Customs Commission. The cargo to be carried by the Chris Modler was over 21,000 cases, of which she took on about 17,000 at Vancouver.

Tom Fay has been alleged by another important witness before the Commission, went to San Francisco and tried to dispose of the Chris Modler cargo. While there, the witness stated, Fay met a man by the name of James Cameron, registering at hotel under that name. The absence of Tom Fay was the occasion for a statement from the chairman of the Commission some days ago that he (Fay) could not have stayed out of Canada for a long time if he hoped to evade testifying.

Alleged Salt Smugglers

VANCOUVER, Dec. 10.—General managers of two Vancouver firms which deal largely in the importation and sale of salt, appeared before the Customs Commission this afternoon to answer charges that their organizations have been importing salt duty

General Jan Smuts Is Author of Book



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Members of the House of Commons:

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Debate on Address

OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—This morning there was considerable uncertainty about the length of the debate on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. It was thought that the debate would like to have the debate end by Wednesday, and it is said by some that some of the Conservatives are agreeable. But the majority of the opposition party prefer to have the debate adjourned until Wednesday, spend the rest of the week passing the estimates left over from the last Parliament, and resume the debate on the Address after the Christmas recess.

The returning officer, Mr. T. W. B. London, general manager of Balfour, Guthrie & Co., explained to the Commission that he had received information that these firms were importing a considerable quantity of salt for fisheries purposes which was not in either way used. Under Customs tariff salt is sea and gulf fishing enters Canada free of duty. Used for other purposes, it must pay. He had conducted an investigation, said Mr. De Graves, and, in the course of it, had information by the men from Balfour, Guthrie & Co. that salt that should pay duty was not doing so.

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Change in King's Title Requires Legislation

LONDON, Dec. 10.—With reference to the proposed change in the King's title—as recommended by the Imperial Conference—while the term "United Kingdom" is dropped and the title made to read "George V, by the Grace of God, Emperor of India, King of India and the British Dominions Beyond the Seas, King Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India." The Manchester Guardian political correspondent in London asserts that the British Parliament alone cannot effect the alteration. It will be necessary, he says, to pass an identical act

In the Irish Free State Parliament and every Dominion Parliament before the new title becomes effective.

Sentence Reserved

VANCOUVER, Dec. 10.—W. G. Richards, formerly of Victoria, some months ago, objective of a public search by aroused citizens due to his alleged insulting behavior toward women on the streets, pleaded guilty before Magistrate J. A. Findlay in police court today to a statutory charge of a similar nature committed October 15.

Sentence was reserved until Monday morning next.



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Maritime Commission Report Is Published

Measures Recommended Are Lower Through Rail-way Rates, Aid to Coal, Iron and Steel Industries—Provincial Grants

OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—The report of the Royal Commission on Maritime Provinces claims was made public today. The following is the official summary of the report:

1. The Commission think that the provinces have made out a case for a revision of the grants from the Dominion in support of the Government's machinery and activity.

2. The Commission agree with the contention of the provinces that they have been and are being dealt with differently than the Western Provinces and think that they are entitled to have their allowances reconsidered.

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EMPIRE DEFENCE

The subject of outstanding importance discussed at the recent Imperial Conference was that of Empire Defence. There were no recommendations made in this regard. The conditions which prevail were explained to the delegates, the requirements, no doubt, were outlined, international relationships were reviewed and the problem was left at that. None of the Overseas Dominions was asked to do anything. What they purpose doing is left to their own ideas of self respect, and in this connection both Australia and New Zealand, the principal contributors to Empire Defence outside the Motherland, have promised to do even more than they have done in the past.

Canada does not know what remarks, if any, were made by Mr. Mackenzie King at the Imperial Conference on the subject of Empire Defence. What he most certainly did not do was to commit the country to anything. What he said before the Imperial Conference commenced its sittings was that Canada had not yet been asked to do anything and that when she was asked it would be time enough to consider what should be done. That attitude no doubt explains why there is nothing constructively contributory to the problem of Empire Defence contained in the Speech from the Throne read in Parliament yesterday. The Liberal Government has no policy in this regard. For the past five years it has been without a policy. It has dismantled and laid up naval vessels donated by Great Britain to the Dominion for the purpose of naval defence. Its policy is, according to Mr. Mackenzie King, to wait until Britain asks for assistance in the matter of Empire Defence. In that event Canada will wait beyond the crack of doom, or until there is a Government better induced with a sense of responsibility than the regime now in power at Ottawa.

HUDSON BAY RAILWAY

The Government's ultimate intentions regarding the Hudson Bay Railway are left a mystery so far as any intimation on the subject can be read into the Speech from the Throne. In effect the policy appears to be the reconditioning of the line so far as it is built, a task which will probably cost nearly as much as rebuilding it anew, and, where the future is concerned, Mr. Frederick Palmer, the president of the British Institute of Civil Engineers, is to report on the possibilities of Port Nelson as a rail terminal and seaport. Mr. Palmer's report may or may not be available before 1928; probably not, since he must investigate the conditions at Port Nelson at all seasons of the year and make an exhaustive inquiry into what might be required in the way of expenditures in the event of Port Nelson being regarded as a suitable entrepot.

To all intents and purposes, the Government is shelving the question of finishing the Hudson Bay Railway. Its own engineers have told it of the difficulties of establishing Port Nelson as a railway terminal and seaport for the grain trade, and it has been informed of the immense expenditure which will be involved supposing it is determined to make Port Nelson the terminus. No doubt the reports on the subject will be confirmed by Mr. Palmer. It is not engineering but political advice that will prevail in the long run. The Liberals have delivered themselves to the Progressives of the West. Their future political fate depends on their compact with those Progressives, and Mr. Robert Forke in the Cabinet is the pledge of that compact. What Mr. Mackenzie King's Government has succeeded in doing for the moment is postponing fresh construction on the Hudson Bay Railway. The pound of flesh, which on this occasion represents scores of millions of unproductive investment and a new railway burden on the people of Canada, will finally be demanded.

NOT A SEA SERPENT

A lady reader of The Colonist who lives in Victoria West and is a very observant person wants to know whether any other resident of the city who is also an observant person has seen any peculiar and unusual marine visitor engaged in the activities of life in nearby waters. The letter containing a description of the stranger is interesting and we would print it for the benefit of our readers but for the fact that it does not comply with the rules of the Colonist.

If our correspondent had been an imaginative person living in the neighborhood of the Okanagan Lake or on the shores of the Queen Charlotte Islands she might reasonably have set up a claim that she had seen a sea serpent or some other unknown monster of the vasty deep. Being a practical and common sense sort of person, she does not attempt to establish any such "proposition." She merely says that she saw a strange fish, that the fish was so close to the shore that she could have touched it with an oar, that it was black in color, that it could not have been a seal or a por-

poise because it bore no resemblance to such animals, that it had a wide, black tail like the appendage of a mackerel, that it when it came up out of the water it blew a blast like the breathing of a whale, and that it appeared to be trying to capture some of the ducks that are plentiful on the surface of the water at this season of the year. This admirable description of a most interesting sight concludes with the declaration that the strange fish was accompanied by a consort.

We repeat that on the information thus furnished there does not appear to be any chance of establishing a claim that a sea serpent has been seen in the waters immediately contiguous to Victoria. If the creature had not been so big we might have concluded that it was a mink, for the mink is a highly accomplished swimmer, and it delights in a diet of duck.

A PIONEER PASSES

The late Mr. John Braden, who died full of years, may aptly be described as one of our pioneers, and particularly so in respect to his activities on Vancouver Island. He knew many portions of this Island from first-hand knowledge, spent much time in efforts to locate mineral and other resources, and was a trail blazer in the seventies in districts then practically unknown. Mr. Braden in later years devoted his activities to municipal and Provincial affairs, being successively a school trustee, an alderman and a member of the Provincial Legislature under the premiership of the late Mr. Theodore Davie. He was man of strong character and decisive views, and always a citizen of high standing. Deep regret will be felt at his passing, and much sympathy will be extended to the surviving members of his family.

The Toronto Mail and Empire, paying a tribute to Dr. S. F. Tolmie on the occasion of his choice as leader of the Conservatives of British Columbia, says: "He is an effective speaker and has a genial temperament that has made him friends in all political groups in the Dominion Parliament. He is recognized as a man possessed of energy and ideas. He unquestionably contributed in no small measure to the Conservative success in British Columbia in the last Federal general election. He is now asked to turn his attention to the Provincial field in British Columbia where the Liberal Party has been in power since 1916 and the Oliver Government has been in office since 1918. Mr. Tolmie will, no doubt, be able to do useful work as the leader of the Provincial Conservative Party, but to perform the duties of that position he will have to resign his seat in the Dominion House of Commons, and he will be missed by his present colleagues at Ottawa."

At a time when the Union of B.C. Municipalities is asking the Provincial Government to put an additional income tax levy into force for educational purposes, there is a definite agitation throughout the Dominion for the abolition of the income tax altogether. Quebec Evidement says of this: "In asking the Federal Government to abolish the income tax, the electorate wishes to see the end of an unjust, vexatious and impolitic law. The abolition of this tax would mean an appreciable relief to families of moderate means and would stimulate the immigration of capital into Canada. One would be justified in hoping, for example, that many American industrialists would come and establish themselves among us, if they were not afraid of entering a country where the income tax is so much heavier than in their own."

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MONTE CARLO INN CASES IN COURT

H. J. Johnson Fined \$50 for Having Liquor in Room—Case Against M. Simmons Postponed

H. J. Johnson was convicted by Magistrate George Jay in the Provincial Police Court yesterday of unlawfully consuming liquor in a public place, to wit, the Monte Carlo Inn at Colwood, on Sunday, December 5, and was fined the sum of \$50, with the option of thirty days in jail. The fine was paid.

M. Simmons, proprietor of the Monte Carlo Inn, was arraigned on a charge of having liquor on his premises unlawfully. The accused pleaded not guilty and was remanded, when he told the magistrate that his attorney, Mr. Stuart Henderson, was out of town and would appear to defend him in the Provincial Police Court next Friday morning.

Evidence for Crown

For the defense in the case against H. J. Johnson was given by Sergeant Robert Owen and Constable Thomson. Sergeant Owen told of having received permission from the Attorney-General to enter the Monte Carlo Inn for the purpose of searching for liquor. Accompanied by Corporal Clark and Constable Thomson, Mr. Owen and Jackie, who worked at the inn, and upon going into the room on the right of the entrance, which was occupied by the accused, found there one bottle of gin, which was one-half full, six full glasses of beer and six empty beer bottles.

Constable Thomson corroborated Sergeant Owen's testimony and said he had been given the same information by his superior officer, and that he accepted full responsibility for the liquor being in the room. Witness also said he had heard the accused say that he had brought the liquor out from Victoria to consume it there.

The accused, who pleaded not guilty to the charge told the magistrate he had been a registered guest at the inn. On arriving at the inn he was shown to a private room. He registered as a guest and paid \$3 for the room. He had previously purchased liquor at the Government Liquor store and had taken the liquor to the inn and placed it in the room. He said he had found the place quiet and orderly and there were few people there.

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Thought He Was Obeying Law

The accused said he was under the impression that he was not breaking the law, pointing out that he had been led to believe that he was quite within the law as a registered guest, and that he was entitled to have liquor in his room.

He refused to conceal or hide this liquor from the police officers. I never drank any liquor in the restaurant, nor did I see any persons consuming liquor there. It seems a funny thing that people can do the same thing in big city hotels, and it appears to be all right," witness said.

Magistrate Jay, in giving judgment, said that Johnson was a good guest, technically, at the Monte Carlo Inn, and could not be treated as such.

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CHAMBER DECIDES ON DRIVE FOR MEMBERS

Many Classes That Are Not Aiding Activities Will Be Canvassed

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce, realizing that there is urgent need of increasing the number of members of that organization if the work in hand is to be continued effectively, will make a determined drive for new members during the next two weeks. This action was decided upon at a meeting that was held yesterday, after the whole situation had been very fully canvassed.

One of the first steps will be to renew the registration of members who are not members of the Chamber and whose relations to the business life of the city are deemed to be such that they should be active participants in the work that is being carried on.

Then there is another class of business in the city that is not represented in the enterprise of the Chamber. This embraces the large corporations that are sustaining only one representative in the organization. At the meeting yesterday the record of many other similar bodies in nearly all cities in Canada and the United States was produced and showed that such corporations were in the habit of carrying a number of members in the chambers.

There will be a move made by teams that were selected at yesterday's meeting, looking to the heads of these conditions. The teams consist of two members each and the work of canvassing various firms and corporations was allotted to them. This work will be carried on in the next two weeks when a report will be forthcoming.

There is another class of prospective members that will be approached in a somewhat different way. This is the wholesale firms and other business places that have their headquarters in other cities but who maintain a branch in Victoria and have a representative in the city. In a great many cases these firms are not members of the local Chamber of Commerce, confining their activities in this line evidently to the city in which their headquarters are situated.

One more team, Mr. J. J. Beckwith and Mr. James Fletcher, it was decided that there should be an active move made with these firms located outside the city who were competing with the local firms in the same lines. They will be approached and the duty they owe to the local chamber will be brought home to them. They will at the same time be urged to take their part in the business activities of the city by lending substantial aid to the Chamber of Commerce by becoming members and in many instances providing several memberships to the body.

This motion was carried unanimously.

It is hoped by these measures to bring about a very large increase in the number of members that will be placed in good standing in the Chamber.

Donates £50,000 to British Association

H. L. Johnson

was convicted by

Magistrate George Jay in the Provincial Police Court yesterday of unlawfully consuming liquor in a public place, to wit, the Monte Carlo Inn at Colwood, on Sunday, December 5, and was fined the sum of \$50, with the option of thirty days in jail. The fine was paid.

M. Simmons, proprietor of the

Monte Carlo Inn, was arraigned on a

charge of having liquor on his pre-

mises unlawfully. The accused plead-

ed not guilty and was remanded, when

he told the magistrate that his at-

torney, Mr. Stuart Henderson, was out

of town and would appear to defend

him in the Provincial Police Court

next Friday morning.

Evidence for Crown

For the defense in the case against

H. J. Johnson was given by

Sergeant Robert Owen and Con-

stable Thomson. Sergeant Owen told

of having received permission from the

Attorney-General to enter the Monte

Carlo Inn for the purpose of search-

ing for liquor. Accompanied by Cor-

poral Clark and Constable Thomson,

Mr. Owen and Jackie, who worked at

the inn, and upon going into the room

on the right of the entrance, which

was occupied by the accused, found

there one bottle of gin, which was

one-half full, six full glasses of beer

and six empty beer bottles.

Constable Thomson corroborated

Sergeant Owen's testimony and said

he had been given the same infor-

mation by his superior officer, and

that he accepted full responsibility

for the liquor being in the room.

The accused, who pleaded not guilty

to the charge told the magistrate

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FIGURES SLIGHTLY

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Waxed Lunch Paper, 1/2-lb. roll, reg. 25¢
15c, 2 for.....25¢

Kellogg's All Bran, pkg.15¢

Aunt Dinah Molasses, tin....12¢

Lux, pkg.10¢

Lifebuoy Soap, 4 bars....27¢

Dot Chocolate, large bar....20¢

Fresh Soap, 1/2-lb. bag....25¢

New Shelled Almonds, lb....50¢

Empress Orange Marmalade, 50c
4 lb. can.....50c

Sugar House Molasses, 5-lb. can....35¢

Quaker Corn, tin....15¢

Erie Brand Lobster, large tin....45¢

Dried Sliced Pineapple, 2 large cans
for.....25¢

Evangeline Cider, bottle....20¢

1 Tin Empress Baking Powder
1 Pkg. Empress Mincemeat.....50c

1 Tin Pepper or Spice
all for.....50c

1 lb. Empress Tea,
3 Pkts. Jelly Powder
1 Jar Empress Jam or
Marmalade, all for.....\$1.00

Uneeda Soda Biscuits, 3 pkts. for.....25¢

Whole Wheat Meal Wafers, regular
40c lb. Very special, lb....25¢

Huntley & Palmer's Happy Time Biscuits, regular 35c pkg. for.....25¢

Christie's Best Assorted Biscuits, reg.
90c tins. Very special.....55¢

Carr's Family Assorted Biscuits, regular 65c lb. for.....50c

Ripe Bananas, per dozen.....29¢

Fresh Cranberries, 2 lbs. for.....25¢

Florida Grapefruit, 3 for.....25¢

New Navel Oranges, regular 50c dozen
for.....35¢

Nice Lemons, per dozen.....15¢

California Grapefruit, each.....25¢

Local Soft Shell Walnuts, per lb.33¢

New Mixed Nuts, 2 lbs. for.....35¢

Fine Selected Creamery Butter, per
lb.47¢; or
3 lbs. for.....\$1.38

Sugar Cured Side Bacon, piece cut,
per lb.38¢

Sugar Cured Back Bacon, piece cut,
per lb.38¢

Sweet Pickled Picnic Hams, lb....10¢

Head Cheese, our own make, 3
for.....25¢

BUY YOUR FRESH MEATS AND FISH HERE AND
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Legs and Loins of Lamb, 37¢
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per lb.

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per lb.

Small Veal Roasts, 17¢

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**Eugenic Marriage
Would End Cancer**

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 10.—Scientific mating, based upon a knowledge of heredity and eugenics, would eliminate cancer from the human species within two generations, Dr. Maud Slye, of the University of Chicago, told the convention of the Radiological Society of North America.

Banish sentiment from marriage, she said, abolish marriages of convenience, and insist in men and women about to wed the need of placing their union upon an eugenic basis, and cancer will be vanquished.

After reciting the results of her experiments upon cancerous mice, Dr. Slye said:

"If any individual knows himself to be hereditarily susceptible to cancer, he can, by mating with a non-susceptible individual, prevent cancer in his children."

**SAANICH IS ASKED
FOR \$6,000 GRANT**

Expenses of Saanich Patients in
Royal Jubilee Hospital Shows
Increase

A further grant of \$6,000 from Saanich was asked by the Royal Jubilee Hospital in a letter read at last night's meeting of the Saanich Council.

Councillor J. V. Roberts, chairman of the hospital finance committee, in his statement, said that "during 1926 the work of the hospital has increased, but the increase has been more in ward patients than in room patients. For the ten months the work done for Saanich patients totalled \$19,844, while the amount for the year to date is \$18,434, showing a decrease of \$1,410, or deducting the per diem of seventy cents per day per patient, which amounted to \$4,814.20, leaves a balance of \$4,621.20. Of this we may expect to collect a further \$4,880, leaving practically \$6,000, for which the hospital is in no position to pay."

In view of the amount of work done by the hospital for Saanich patients, may we be permitted to request that you give the hospital your careful consideration, and if you again see your way to make an additional grant towards our debt, we assure you that it will be very much appreciated indeed."

Reeve Macnicol expressed the opinion that these additional grants should be put a stop to. As long as they were made the hospitals of this Province would not take action to prove the matter through the help of the Provincial Government. The motion was left over until the next meeting.

Tremor Recorded

CHICAGO, Dec. 10—Earthquake shocks beginning at 2:45 a.m. were registered on the seismograph of the United States Weather Bureau at the University of Chicago today, and the indications were that the centre of the disturbance was 2,000 miles away, probably in a westerly direction. The shocks had a sound phase at 3:30 a.m. and ended at 4 a.m.

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City & District

Wiring Inspector—Mr. H. R. Macdonald, of Oak Street, was appointed wiring inspector for Saanich at last night's meeting of the Saanich Council. His salary will be \$100 a year.

Trede Councillor Coming—Mr. G. Noel Wilde, Canadian Consul-Counsellor in Mexico, will be in this city during the last two days of the present month.

To Talk Taxes—At the meeting of the Victoria West Brotherhood to be held in Stanley's Hall on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, the members will hear Mr. C. B. Peterson, of the Department of Taxation, who will speak on the subject of life income and personal property taxes.

British-Israel Meeting—The regular weekly meeting of the Victoria British-Israel Association will be held on Monday evening at 8 o'clock, in the Royal Oak Park, lower Yates Street. Mr. E. H. Richards will give an address on the subject of "Reading the Signs of the Times."

Esquimalt Friendly Help—Under the auspices of the Esquimalt Friendly Help, a rummage sale will be held today at 10 o'clock at 1404 Government Street, two doors from John Street, the proceeds to be used for the purchase of Christmas comforts for needy families.

Want Referendum—Councillor H. W. Hayes gave notice of motion at the Victoria City Council meeting last night that he would ask the next meeting that a plebiscite be taken on the Health Centre question again this year. He contended that last year's referendum was uncertain owing to the vote and the manner in which the referendum was worded.

Entertained Old Men—The Victoria Boys' Orchestra gave a delightful programme of songs at the Aged Men's Home on Wednesday afternoon. The boys were much enjoyed by the inmates of the place. Among the numbers played were some old-time favorites which met the fancy of the aged men, who joined in some instances in singing to the accompaniment provided.

Earthquake Recorded—Another severe earthquake, estimated as about 760 miles distant at its centre, was recorded at 10:15 a.m. at the Gondwana Heights Observatory. It was very much enjoyed by the inmates of the place. Among the numbers played were some old-time favorites which met the fancy of the aged men, who joined in some instances in singing to the accompaniment provided.

Superfluities Sale—The Ladies' Aid Committee will hold a superfluities sale to raise funds in aid of the Temple Hall. The affair will be held in the store at the corner of Douglas Street and Pandora Avenue.

For a long time past the members of the Ladies' Aid have been preparing for this event, and last night the report of all members of the committee as well as others who are deeply interested in the programme of the City Temple. Gifts for the various charities will be gratefully received. The sale will commence at 9 a.m. In connection with the basic and superfluities sale there will be a special luncheon for business men from 12 to 2 o'clock.

**APARTMENT BLOCK
MAY BE ERECTED**

MacDonald & Mann Also Propose to Put Up City Building—Work Started on New Band Stand

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More About Babies

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Society and Women's Affairs

Tea Hostess

Miss Beryl Nelson, 63 Sylvan Lane, entertained at a delightful tea yesterday afternoon. The tea rooms were decorated with Autumn-tinted chrysanthemums. Mrs. J. M. Fowler and Mrs. Nelson presided at the tea table, which was centred with a bowl of white chrysanthemums and fern. Among the invited guests were Miss Helen Mackenzie, Mrs. Maurice Wood, Mrs. Ian Agnew, Mrs. W. B. Wilson, Mrs. R. G. Montie, Mrs. C. G. Grant, Miss Marquita Nichol, Miss Sheila Gillespie, Miss Aline Stewart, Miss Dorothy Hargrave, Miss Kathleen Ross, Miss Maude Crease, Miss Yoder Pamerton, Miss Violet Punnett, Miss Dorothy Crump, the Misses Polly, Fif and Wilma Luxton, the Misses Marjorie and Carol Puckle, Miss Kathleen R. Ross, Miss Mary Langford, Miss Phyllis Heaton, Miss Vivian Coombe, Miss Willie Blanckvoort, Miss Phyllis Barton, the Misses Joy and Betty Phillips, Miss Pat Henning, Miss Frances Musgrave, Miss Mary Swindell, Miss Dorothy Officer, Miss Eileen and Diana Smyly, Miss Phyllis Fowler, Miss Carita Leeder, Miss Dorothy Holmes, Miss Joan Aldridge, the Misses Marion and Hetty Kinsella, the Misses Blankenback and Macmillan, Miss Joan Sparrow, Miss Jane Langford, Misses Helen and Kathleen Colman, Miss Joan Hutchinson, the Misses Marjorie and Florence Oates, Miss Doris Harper, Miss Helen Laundry, Miss Martha Bullock Webster, Misses Kay and Marion, Betty and Lucy Bryden, the Misses Helen and Ethel Streetfield, Miss Kay Clay, Miss Peggy Hodgins, Miss Mary Campbell, Miss Nora Lewis, Miss Peggy Schofield, Miss Vivian Lamb, Miss McClure, Miss M. Bennett-Thomson and Miss McVittie Taylor.

Miscellaneous Shower

A small shower was held at the home of Miss E. Gillingham, 270 Douglas Street, on Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Edna Ricketts, a popular bride-elect. The numerous

gifts were presented in a buggy decorated in white and mauve, and drawn into the room by little Vera Mackenzie. The guests present were Mrs. Lohbrunner, Mrs. Cobbe, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. E. Lorenz, Mrs. F. J. Mrs. Gillingham, Mrs. Meyers, Miss Molly Dowell, Miss Evelyn Wilkinson, Miss Jones, Miss Violet Gurton, Miss Mary Robertson, Miss Ruth Gillingham, Miss Anna Boorowman, Miss Jessie Bowdoin, Miss Violet Ricketts, Miss Vera Ricketts, Miss Edna Ricketts, Miss Alice Hale and Miss Gracie Pass.

Entertain at Tea

Miss Jane Gray and Miss Jeanne Turner entertained at a largely attended tea yesterday afternoon at the home of their mother, Mrs. John A. Turner, Uplands. The tea table was charmingly arranged with pink chrysanthemums and tall mauve candles in Venetian glass holders. The hostesses were assisted in receiving their friends by Mrs. Turner.

Pre-Dance Dinner

Among those entertaining at dinner before the police ball last night was Miss Betty King, St. Charles Street, who was hostess at a charming dinner party. Her guests were the Misses Jane and Freda Warter, Monica Marpole, of Vancouver, Mr. Jack Matson, Mr. Harry Crane, Mr. Alex McPhillips and Mr. Dick Edgell.

Seattle Guest

Captain Park, of Seattle, is a visitor in the city. Captain Park is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Simott, Selkirk Avenue. Captain Park came over to attend the police ball last evening.

Tea Hostess

Mrs. A. W. Jones entertained a few friends at a bridge tea yesterday afternoon at her home on Rockland Avenue.

Leaves Jubilee Hospital

Mrs. Alex. Gillespie, who has been a patient in the Jubilee Hospital, is now staying with Mrs. J. H. Todd, Fairchild Road.

Return From Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Angus, Rockland Avenue, have returned from a visit in Vancouver.

Visiting Friends Here

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ross, of Vancouver, are visiting friends in the city for a few days.

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Report Have It That Princess Ingrid of Sweden, Shown Above, Daughter of the Crown Prince of Sweden, Will Marry Crown Prince Olaf of Norway.

Duncan

Mrs. A. Wagstaff, Menzies Road, is very ill in the King's Daughters' Hospital, Duncan.

Mr. Carlton Stone has moved into his new residence, off Gibbons Road. Mr. A. Whitbourne's residence is nearing completion, the continued mild weather being a great assistance to the builders.

Port Alberni

The weekly winter drive held by the Women's Auxiliary of the West Coast General Hospital, was held in the Community Hall, Thursday evening. Mrs. MacIntyre and Mrs. N. Wright being in charge. Prizes were won by Mrs. D. Richards, Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Patterson, Mr. J. Wright.

The United Football team held a novelty dance in the Community Hall Monday evening. The MacLean Community orchestra provided the music.

Mr. Abernathy, who has been mill superintendent at the Alberni Pacific Mill for four years, was present with a purse by the employee on the occasion of his departure for his home in Vancouver. Mr. Strain made the presentation.

The ladies of the United Church had a very successful sale in the Community Hall on Thursday afternoon, when the sum of \$142 was raised. Mr. B. Wood is the president of the organization, and the heads of the different units were as follows: Postoffice, Mrs. A. Macdonald; candy, Mrs. Frye; home cooking, Mrs. Ramsay; fancy sewing, Mrs. Bratton; afternoon tea, Mrs. Proctor.

Appeal for Taggers to Help Today's Collection

A final and urgent appeal is being made by the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Tuberculosis "Veterans" Post for taggers who can spare some time during the afternoon to help in the collection. A Fund drive is on.

These rooms are now located in new quarters, where occasional lectures on the "Ravages of Tuberculosis" will be offered free to the public by qualified physicians who have had considerable experience in treating sufferers of this dread disease.

It is also the intention of the Ladies' Auxiliary to make these new quarters suitable for association purposes and rest rooms, not only for the members but for the comfort of their comrades returning from treatment in hospitals or sanatorium.

Those in sympathy with this deserving cause who are willing to contribute a corner, especially during this afternoon, are asked to telephone Mrs. H. Crocker, 59463; Mrs. J. Robinson, 49281; Mrs. A. Booth, 45541, or report at Tag Day Headquarters at the premises over 1230 Government Street. Refreshments will be served to the workers.

Your Most Becoming Colors

By DOROTHY STOTE

Grey Hair and Pale Complexion

For Evening Wear

Now that the older woman no longer need wear the conventional black for evening gowns, she has much to be thankful for, for when all is said and done there is something very colorless about a black dress for a woman who has not sufficient natural color to offset its sombreness.

As has been discussed in another article for this type, the new fuchsia is not entirely forbidden her for wear under the softening effect of artificial light. It depends, however, on her own personal taste whether a shade of the color she can use, fuchsia, will be the best. At any rate, it is included in her evening shades, and she may decide for herself whether she prefers it to the other three. Here is the list, with the first and second colors paying tribute to blue eyes:

Good

Turquoise
Fuchsia (pinkish-lavender)
Pale grey green
Tea rose yellow

Avoid
Dark green
Red
Burnt russet
Yellow
Violet
Orange
Strong blue
Strong blue
All muddy colors

One very effective evening costume for the pale gray-haired woman is a gown of pale green, what might be called pastel green. With it let beads and earrings would form a most interesting contrast.

Of course, one of the most comfortable and at the same time delicate colors for evening wear is delicate grey. The gown of grey can be simply made without any colored trimmings, for distinction can be lent either by a filmy fern green scarf or by the use of jewelry. Jade and grey is a combination that never fails to give pleasure when worn by the gray-haired woman with pale complexion.

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Women's Clubs And Societies

Eastern Star

A successful Christmas bazaar was held at 1602 Reffern Street at Saturday by the Oak Bay Chapter, No. 42, Order of the Eastern Star. The affair was opened by the Rev. A. de L. Nunn. In the competitions the following were prize-winners: Miss Verna, Little Queen; Misses Gertrude Hancock and Kathleen Gleenny. With a few appropriate words to each recipient, Mrs. Burdick pinned the badges on the girls' tunics.

Members of the Kumtuk's Club were present at the invitation of Miss Stedek, captain of the company, who with the lieutenants welcomed the guests to the party. Guide games and drills were demonstrated. On behalf of the Kumtuk's Club, Miss Wigley presented The Guide Law, appropriately designed and framed, which was received for the girls and for which she had made a gift to the donor. Miss J. H. Gillespie, ex-district commissioner, sent birthday greetings in the form of a large box of candies. Delicious refreshments, including a birthday cake, iced in the company colors, and decorated with one candle, were served at the close of the evening.

St. George's Pupils in Christmas Play

Entertainment in Aid of Funds for Armenian Orphan—Certificates Won in June Presented

St. George's School pupils presented their Christmas entertainment last evening, a site of 140 Armenian orphans, who have adopted for three years. The gymnasium was decorated with ivy and red streamers, which gave it a festive appearance.

The first part of the programme was of a musical nature, and was as follows:

Song, "Little Water Wagtail," Form IV; dance, "Frisky Ponies," J. and A. Huiskamp and F. Oldham; minuet, J. A. Hodges and R. Moore; piano, "Sing, Sing, Sing," B. Barker and L. Hamon, M. Phillip, V. Rutherford and R. Penman; dance, "Tarambour," H. Steele; song, "Troubadour," High School Class; and "Keep the Ball Rolling," the School; Christmas carols.

Following this the Very Rev. Dean Quainton presented the senior certificates won in the June examinations: Junior Matriculation—Mary Campbell, Junior Flicke, Ellis Cooke and Margaret Gough.

Second Year High School—Ethel Gale, Edith Deaville, Neille Sibley, Gwen Watkins and Pamela Winslow.

Royal Academy and College of Music—Higher division, Ruth Penman; lower division, F. Eleanor Paynter; Intermediate division, Marjorie L. Margison, Joan Hodges and May Margison; Junior division, Betty Baatton, Flora Speelman and Barbara Phillips-Wolley.

Under the capable direction of Mrs. Stedek, the play "Scenes from Cranford," was presented in a most pleasant and finished manner, to the delight of the audience.

The cast was: Miss Matty Jenkins, Hartley; Miss Deborah Wilson, Lu; Wilson; Miss Pole, M. Feiton; Miss Hartley, H. Dixon; Mrs. Polson, Mrs. Jameson, J. Gun; Lady Glenmore, J. Hodges; Fancy work, Mrs. McMenamy; home cooking, Mrs. Cave; candy, Mrs. Gilson; assorted table, Misses Phyllis Adams and Margaret McKenzie; lunch and afternoon tea, Mrs. Galilah; the general conveniences were Mrs. Galilah.

To Hold Christmass Party

The Juvenile Lodge of the Loyal True Blues will hold its first Christmass party in the clubhouse, 600 Douglas Street, on Friday, December 17, at 8 p.m. The parents of the children and Capital City Lodge members will be their guests. Mr. J. J. Maloney, of Hamilton, Ont., will give a short address. The L.O.B.A. and L.O.L. members are cordially invited. Refreshments will be served and a social time spent. The embroidered bedspread will be drawn.

Canadian Daughters' League

The Canadian Daughters' League, Association No. 1, met on Tuesday in the hall on View Street. Following the initiation of new members, an interesting discussion was held on "Assisted Immigration" and the settlement of unused prairie land. The Home Economics Endowment campaign received the hearty endorsement of the meeting, and plans for giving it financial aid will proceed in the New Year.

Victoria Review

Victoria Review No. 1, W.B.A., met in the K. of C. Hall recently. Commander Blane presided. The next meeting will be held on December 4 in the K. of C. Hall, when officers will be nominated. Mrs. L. Baker, supreme district deputy, will be at the meeting to answer questions connected with the order.

"Beau Geste"

A Great Mystery Story

By PERCIVAL CHRISTOPHER WREN

The three Geste brothers, Michael, Digby and John, who left home following a mystery, and their Uncle, Lady Brandon, find themselves later in the French Foreign Legion. They are captured by Arab rebels, led by Michael and John go to Elendrem, a lonely fortification in the Sahara. There Michael is chosen to be the leader. The men are chosen for their strength, and every soul on hearing that Michael has a son with him tries to kill him. Michael's son, John, and Lejane bears of the attempt to kill him and the other Arabs and John and a few other loyal soldiers, when Arabs attack the fort, by shooting the dead bodies, the survivors, John's son, and a small package addressed to his son. Finally the Arabs fire cut the telephone wires, and Michael and John, Michael has been shot. As John returns home below he sees Lejane. John goes to a rifle range and Lejane is about to kill John, but Michael, who has only one eye, comes to his rescue and causes the shot to go wild. John then kills Lejane by plugging him bayonet into his heart. Michael dies. John sees the rescue party approaching the fort, and drops over the walls to decide it will not be safe to be caught and tried for the murder of Lejane.

I could have wept that we had no rifles. Steady magazine fire from three marksmen like ourselves, would have brought the yelling fiends crashing to earth in such numbers as might have saved us and provided us with much that we sorely needed.

The feeling of utter impotence was horrible, and like the impotence of nightmare. . . . To be butchered like sheep without striking a blow. . . . Could I have made escape? Or would they see his tracks and follow him after slaughtering us? . . . There was an excellent chance that they would pass straight on without crossing his trail. . . . Would they swear from our apparently levelled rifles? No. On the contrary, Digby might be well away by now.

And then from somewhere, there rang out loud, clear, and (the Arabs) terrible, a bugle-call—that powerful bugle-call, menacing and fatal, that had been all along the line of the desert, resounding, baying, baying, baying, baying, the bugle-call that announced the closing of the trap and precluded the fall of bullets against which no Arab charge could prevail.

The effect was instant and magical. The bugles seemed to their ears, wheel, and fled, fled to avoid what they though a terrible trap, so neatly baited and into which they had so nearly fallen!

As the bugle-call died away, Hank received orders in French from one of his enemies to make his way to the left; a man was apparently signalling back with excited energy, to the French forces behind him, "enemy in sight."

Evidently the panic-stricken mob of raiders thought that the danger was past, and that they could now have their leader or a candidate for leadership, swerved to the left from the ruck of the fleeing band, and, either in a spirit of savage vengeance, or the desire, not uncommon with these people, for single combat, the frenzied mob of smokers, rode at the man who had exposed himself to signal back to the French force of which he was evidently the about. . . .

"Quick!" I shouted. "He'll get him and I found myself yelling Digby's name.

We scrambled on to our camels. Hank bawling commands in French, and Digby yelling devilish war-whoops.

Digby stopped and then poised himself in the attitude of a javelin thrower. As the Arab raised his great sword, Digby shot forward, and the Arab reeled, receiving the camel's head round as he did. Digby sprang at the man's leg and pulled him down, the two falling together.

They rose simultaneously, the Arab's sword went up, Digby's fist shot out, and we heard the smack as the man receded backwards and his sword dropping from his hand.



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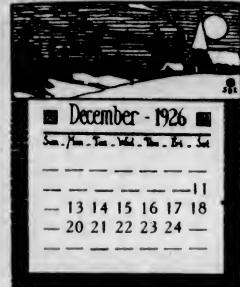
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Made from fine linen finished cotton and neatly embroidered in many charming designs. Choice of hemstitched and scalloped ends; neatly boxed for Christmas giving. Per pair, \$1.35, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.25

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Extra well filled with down and ventilated. Covered with fine quality cambric with sateen panels in contrasting colors; size 60 by 72. Price —\$11.50

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French Wool Novelty Dress Lengths

Shown in two-tone striped effects, checks and plaids in beautiful color combinations. Dress length of 2½ yards, neatly boxed for Christmas giving. Price —\$3.35

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Exceptional Offerings in Silks

Spun Silks
Durable quality and all colors; 29 inches wide. Per yard, 79¢

Black Crepe Satin
38 inches wide. Yard, \$1.98

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35 inches wide. Yard, \$1.00

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In lovely two-tone effects; 29 inches wide. Per yard, \$1.00

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Stamped Needle-work for Christmas Giving

Stamped Huck Towels
In striped effects; ends hem-stitched for crochet. 45¢

Stamped Linen Huck Towels
In simple designs; ends hem-stitched for crochet. 85¢

Stamped Aprons
Of broadcloth, in coral powder, blue, gold and tan. Price —75¢

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Dainty Boudoir Cushions

Various styles and designs. Prices are 45¢ to —\$2.65

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Pre-Holiday Sale of Women's Fur-Trimmed Coats



Never have you been offered such a genuine clearance selling of fine Coats at a more opportune time. Practically our entire stock of Winter Coats has been subjected to drastic price reductions. Every garment in the offering is fashioned in this season's latest style, and the materials are of the most dependable kind. It is an event that solves your Winter and holiday Coat problem.

Velour and Tweed Coats, Values to \$29.50, for \$12.95
Smart Velour Coats made from all-wool material and fully lined, also new styles in fancy tweeds and plaids. Crushable collars of Arctic hare, Thibetine, etc. New colors and mixtures. Sale Price... \$12.95

Fur-Trimmed Coats, Values to \$35.00, for \$16.95
Smart styles in zibeline, velour and novelty plaids, trimmed with mink, mandel, Arctic hare, foxeline, etc. Shown in a variety of styles and colors; sizes 16 to 40. Sale Price... \$16.95

Fur-Trimmed Velour Coats, Values to \$39.50, for \$19.95
Made from heavy wool velour in straightline styles, with large collars and cuffs of mink. Choose from grey, fallow, rose ash and other new shades; sizes 16 to 42. Sale Price... \$19.95

Novelty Tweed and Velour Coats, Values to \$49.50, for \$24.95

Very smart coats in novelty tweeds, plaids and velours. Have some collars of rich furs. Lined with glorified silk, satin, de-lux, etc. Smart, subdued colorings; sizes 16 to 42. Sale Price... \$24.95

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Showing all the new style features of the season. Made from pinpoint, suedeine and velour, in pencil blue, rose ash, fallow, lichen green and brown. Well lined throughout and with collars and cuffs of selected furs; sizes 16 to 46. Sale... \$29.95

Fur-Trimmed Coats, Values to \$59.50, for \$34.95

Handsome coats in lovely materials, such as needle-point, devore, marcella, etc. Crushable collars of lycra wool, opossum, mandel, etc. Others have fur extending to hem line. All new season's colors. Sale Price... \$34.95

—2nd Floor, H.B.C.

Girls' Winter Coats

Reduced Prices for Today

Values to \$4.95 for \$3.69

Coats in durable quality blanket cloth, single or double-breasted styles, with or without belts. Shown in blue, beaver and green. Sizes 1 to 3 years. Values to \$4.95. Sale Price... \$3.69

Values to \$7.95 for \$4.69

Smart Little Coats in blanket cloth, two pockets and fur collar. Choice of sand, powder blue, lichen green and sage. Sizes 2 to 5 years. Values to \$7.95. Sale Price... \$4.69

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Blanket Cloth Coats attractively trimmed with buttons and stitching, fur collars. Shown in alcazar, brown, beaver and lichen green. Sizes 7 to 9 years. Values to \$10.95. Sale Price... \$7.98

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Sizes 10 to 14 years. Values to \$12.95. Sale Price... \$9.98

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Girls' Serviceable School Oxfords

With full round toe, school last, stout uppers of brown or black calf, extra weight soles and rubber heels. \$3.45

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We have just received a new shipment of "Easy Step" Strap Slippers for children. Made of soft patent leather with "Easy Step" inner soles, instep strap style with flexible leather soles. Suitable for parties or street wear.

Sizes 4 to 7½. Per pair... \$2.50

Sizes 8 to 10½. Per pair... \$3.00

Sizes 11 to 2. Per pair... \$3.50

Big Girls' Party Slippers

Patent leather uppers, instep strap style with cut-out novelty pattern and underlay of fawn kid. Round toe last; sizes 2½ to 7½. Price, per pair... \$3.95

Boys' School Oxfords

Smart but Serviceable Oxfords, in brown and black calf with Good-year welted soles, full round toe last. Sizes 11 to 13½. Pair, \$4.00

Sizes 1 to 5½. Per pair, \$4.75

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French Scarves

Of chiffon in white with dainty all-over printed designs; finished with picot edge. Price... \$3.95

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Of high-grade crepe de Chine, exclusive designs, some finished with hemstitched borders, others with long silk fringe. Choose from white, Copenhagen, rose, peach, sand and orange. Prices, \$7.50, \$9.50 and \$12.50

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Hemstitched borders or fringed ends to match. Shown in floral spot and all-over effects. Prices... \$3.50 and \$3.75

French Crepe de Chine Shawls

In exquisite colorings, with hand-rolled edge and hand-knotted fringe to match. Prices, \$13.50 and \$15.50

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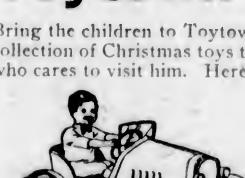
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NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

Port Arthur Hockey Team Skates Rings Round Local Stars

Score Is Seven to Nothing at the End of Three Periods of One-Sided Hockey—Dazzling Speed and Brilliant Teamwork Features Play of Visiting Allan Cup Champions

By a 7-0 score the visiting Port Arthur team, twice holders of the Allan Cup, undefeated world's champion, defeated the Victoria All-Stars at the Willows Arena last night before a crowd of one thousand interested fans. Displaying dazzling speed and brilliant team work, the visitors outgamed and outlasted the locals.

The Victoria team, selected team work, which is often a fail of all-star teams, and many good plays were spoilt through misunderstandings on the part of the players. The visitors sagged the net twice in the first period, while Chapman and Gray responsible for the goals, the latter was duplicated in the second stanza when Burke found the net and Chapman secured his second tally of the game. The third period saw the visitors add three counters to their credit. Travers and Forslund being responsible. The visitors played the heat hockey in the first half and their early rushes on the visiting goal brought the spectators to their feet on different occasions. In the second period the play slowed down a little, with the last stanza the team began to feel the heat of the fast pace they had been setting.

An Opening Rush

Starting off with a rush Victoria tested Ehrnright, guarding the visitors' net, with a shot or two, but he was sound. Saunders worked a nice opening early but his shot went wide. A shot shortly by Temple from just inside the blue line was used and plauded. Gray, flashy forward for the visitors, opened the scoring. After less than two minutes of play when he planted a hot shot behind Stuart for the first counter.

Hughie Burke, who was skipper of the team, was playing the best hockey seen here by the local players for a long time, and his end-screw rushes drew the plaudits of the spectators. Hughie was easily the best man on the local team. Rushed by Stanyer he failed by the clever defences of the visitors. Sanders, who was doing his usual work, tested the Port Arthur goals with a hot drive, but he was on to his job and nothing could pass him.

Stuart, guarding the local net, had a busy time and his saves at times were most remarkable. The visitors gathered their second counter when the locals were putting on their substitutes. From a face-off near the Victoria net for an offside play, Gray scored with a shot from an easy angle. The locals staved some fine rushes, but their attempts were always offset by the clever tactics of their opponents. This period ended with the score 2-0 in favor of the visitors.

Stuart Is Busy

In the second stanza Stuart was kept busy from the start and saved two hot shots in quick order. He Goodacre's

M'MILLAN PLAYING GREAT BILLIARDS

Taken Lead in First Block of Big Challenge Match with Champion Six Boys at Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Dec. 10.—Despite the fact that his opponent registered a beautifully played 170 break early in the session, Jack McMillan, ex-champion of Canada, came from behind to finish by a score of 586 to 502 in the first block of his 3,500-point challenge match with Sid Hoys, Western Canada champion, here last night.

The cueist displayed the finest billiards skill locally for some time, averaging around the thirty mark. McMillan had two choice centuries, 135 and 123, and other items of 64 and 52. Hoys' best efforts netted him 170, 76 and 89.

McVICKAR EXPECTED TO RETAIN OFFICE AS UNION HEAD

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Dec. 10.—Although the election of officers of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada will not take place until tomorrow, it was said on good authority this morning that Mr. J. McVickar, of Charlottetown, president of the Maritime Provinces branch, would be named as one of the vice-presidents at large, replacing Mr. Sam Coveney, of this city. Mr. J. A. McVickar, the present president, undoubtedly will be re-elected to this office, it was said.

Edmonton, Saanich and Jasper Park, Alberta, are mentioned as the meeting place next year.

Soccer Rules Are Subject of Lecture

Mr. Percy Payne gave an interesting lecture on soccer refereeing last night at the Y.M.C.A. to a number of your footballers. The lecturer went all through the list of rules and explained his points on a blackboard marked out with a soccer field. The lecture was much enjoyed and many interesting points were explained.

No More Jockeying

WINDSOR, Dec. 10.—At a special meeting of the executive here yesterday, the Canadian professional football league decided to prohibit any more jockeying of players from the N.H.L., to this loop and back. All clubs now using major league players would be allowed to retain them, but they will be allowed to acquire no more assistance from the Calder groups.

Will Show Swedes This Hockey Game

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The Victoria Hockey Club of Montreal, one of the oldest in Canada, will come from New York on January 22 to demonstrate the Dominion ice game in Sweden. The team will visit Berlin and Vienna. The tour will be financed by the Swedish Government in an effort to establish hockey there.

SOCCER OFFICIALS HERE ON BUSINESS

WILL ATTEND IMPORTANT MEETING AT Y.M.C.A. AT 7:30 PM. IS INVITED—OPEN HOUSE

Tonight, at the Y.M.C.A., at 7:30 o'clock, officials of the R.C.P.A. will attend a special soccer meeting, which is called by the Lower Island Football Association for the purpose of airing out the local situation.

Some time ago the local association, in company with other football bodies in the island, applied to the Dominion Football Association for a special charter for this part of the Province. The granting of such a charter by the parent body would mean the formation of a new association that would have been known as the Victoria Island Football Association. Such a body would govern all soccer on the Island.

Delay on the part of the D.F.A. to grant this request has been the cause of plenty of dissension in local circles, and has also been the means of the local body holding the affiliation fees that the teams have in the past paid to the Royal. By Mr. Hugh Savage.

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COWICHAN GOLF CLUB TROPHIES PRESENTED

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL BANQUET HELD AT DUNCAN—LARGE NUMBER OF PRIZES GIVEN

DUNCAN, Dec. 10.—A wonderful spirit of harmony and good fellowship permeated the atmosphere of the Elk's Rooms in the Agricultural Hall here last evening when these quarters were given over for the holding of the annual banquet and the presenting of the trophies won during the year by the members of the Cowichan Golf Club.

Some seventy odd attended, and from seven o'clock till the affair broke up about midnight, it could be truly said, they ate, drank, danced, and merrily passed the evening.

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Owls by the Dozen

OVER sixty big owls have been taken into Mr. N. Lenefelt's trap, a bounty which is being paid for them. Some years ago, when there was a plague of these birds here, the Government put a bounty on them, but this was subsequently withdrawn. Messrs. Lenefelt and Todd are up twenty-five dollars each to make a fund for paying bounty on the year on the owls, which have again descended on Victoria's outskirts and are very destructive to game birds, a very sportsmanlike and public-spirited action.

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For a Man's Christmas

LONDON.—(By Mail)—Although the power of the American dollar is fabulous, it has so far failed to induce Romsey to part with its famous painter.

This illuminated manuscript, bound in calf, reposes under lock and key in a small cupboard, built into the wall in the vestry of the abbey, along with the other records, and it is not even a dealer who is likely to inspect, much less to handle it.

During the past season more Americans than ever have journeyed to Romsey—locally pronounced "Rumsey"—to see the famous abbey, and many of them have gazed "pop-eyed"

at the psalter, which dates from 1449. "We have received many offers from them, running into huge sums, for the psalter," said an official. "But we do not think that the present generation would accomplish doing so, whatever may occur in the future."

The abey is the property of the town, who bought it from Henry VIII for \$500—the deed hangs in a frame near the cupboard—and for a period the painter disappeared.

"It was found in a London shop's window, and an inspection showed that in the intervening years it had been in a private library. Romsey bought it back by public subscription.

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CONAN DOYLE RAPS SCIENCE

Has Made Universe Clock-work Mechanical Wonder Swinging in a Vast Vacuum, He Says

AUTHOR READS PAPER AT PSYCHIC CONCLAVE

Experimental Research Does Not Touch Heart of Spiritualism, He Declares—Professor Jastion Replies

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 10.—An attack on science, which he said had made the universe "a clock-work mechanical wonder swinging in a vast vacuum," was made by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, British novelist and exponent of spiritualism, in a paper presented at the opening of a symposium of psychic phenomena at Clark University here. Sir Arthur had only a pitying tolerance for those scientific men who refused to see spiritualism as something susceptible of scientific proof.

The meeting represents every shade of thought given to the subject of whether it is possible to communicate with the other world.

Dr. Carl Murchison, in charge of the department of psychology, arranged the meeting, which has drawn several authorities from the United States and a few from Europe. His purpose is frankly to get together material for a book which will be a compendium of all that is thought upon the subject.

In his paper, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle lays a heavy hand on those who refuse to believe in spiritualism even a fair amount of credence. He sees in spiritualism the hope of a world beset by a multitude of conflicting religious creeds, and says that the ultimate goal of this belief is to afford a shelter for those weary and oppressed souls.

"I consider all this work of experimental psychic research, though very useful and necessary, to be a sort of super-materialism, which may approach but does not touch the heart of the subject," he said in his paper.

"The heart, in my opinion, a purely spiritual thing. The ultimate aim of the whole movement is to afford earnest minds in this age of doubt and stress some method of gaining a knowledge of our duties and our destiny, which shall be dissociated from our own observances and classifications, and based by actual contact with intelligences which are now above our own, we may pick our path more easily amid the mazes of religion. The ultimate result will be the union of science and religion, and such an amalgamation eventually would unite science and religion."

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Because of the animus or purpose of the investigator, he said, entanglement in fact and theory made the work difficult, but logic remained the plumb line of science.

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Well-Known Surgeon Dies After Operation



DR. GIDEON SILVERTHORNE,
Noted Canadian surgeon, who died last week
after an operation. He was head surgeon of
St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

The moment had come when religious tolerance was to be shifted from east to west, from the Anglo-Saxons to the Anglo-Saxons. It is true that America was, and is, unaware of the vital change, but it is also true that Palestine has never been a Christian country.

"The main obstacles have been religious obstruction and prejudice, but the old standards have been established, and this is now passing away, and it is realized that spiritualism has come, not to destroy, but to clarify, regulate and make broader and more reasonable the old conceptions of Christianity by recognizing that cosmic Christ spirit which has descended in various forms and degrees to all nations of the earth."

Victim of Cruelty
WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 10.—Charges that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, British author and exponent of spiritualism, is a victim of cruelty were made by Prof. Joseph Jastrow, of the University of Wisconsin, speaking at a symposium on psychical research at Clark University. Earlier in the session a letter from Sir Arthur had been read expressing the view that psychical research eventually would unite science and religion.

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Colonel's Magic Wins Mahdi Man

LONDON (By Mail)—He was a native prisoner, and he was brought before Colonel Sir James Dormer during the Sudan war against the Mahdi.

"Do the Mahdi's followers believe in the omnipotence of their leader?" Sir James asked.

The native tremblingly said that they did.

"Then, can the Mahdi do this?" asked Sir James, taking out his glass eye, tossing it in the air, and replacing it.

The native, shivering with fright, agreed that the Mahdi was incapable of such devastating magic.

This is one of the many good stories which Major-General Sir Leopold Swaine, K.C.B., C.M.G., tells in his book, "Camp and Chancery in a Soldier's Life."

He also tells a story of the German Emperor William I, before the war of 1870 with France. The Emperor received a telegram from Paris and, accompanied by General von Moltke, went to a waiting-room where the Emperor's son read it by the dim light of a lamp. It described a violent scene in the French House of Representatives.

"William's son had finished" said the Emperor to the author. "I thought for a moment, and then asked all assembled whether they could suggest a better reply to this telegram than an order for the mobilization of the whole German army. Every one agreed, upon which, turning to General, I said that I would be ready to sign the order in half an hour's time."

The Emperor afterwards bought the lamp and hung it in the Hohenzollern Museum in the Montbijou Palace.

The Bike Grind

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The Winter Stock team today went into first place in the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Gardens. Pedalling 1,688 miles and nine laps at the 10th hour at 8 a.m.

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BURMA GOVERNMENT TO FREE ITS SLAVES WITHIN SHORT TIME

RANGOON, Dec. 11.—One of the last strengtheners of slavery is to be wiped out by the Burmese Government within the next few months. Slavery still survives in Upper Burma in the triangle bounded by the Myitkyina and Makaik rivers which join above Myitkyina to form the main Irrawaddy River.

An expedition under the direction of the Burmese Government last year released thousands of slaves in the Hukun Valley, but since then information has been received that slavery still exists in other unadministered tracts in Upper Burma, the worst conditions being in the tract territory, which is inhabited by Kachin and which is surrounded by administered territory. The Burmese Government had agreed not to interfere with the local chiefs so long as they behaved themselves.

But recently an excuse to interfere was occasioned by the action of one of the local chiefs who raided the surrounding administered territory and recaptured two slaves who had escaped. They should be crossing the border have become automatically free.

The chief refused to give them up and the result has been the decision to make a new punitive expedition which will at the same time free all slaves in that territory.

STRATFORD WINS NIAGARA FALLS, Dec. 10.—Stratford defeated Niagara Falls 4-3 in an overtime game in the Canadian Professional League tonight.

CAPITOL NOW PLAYING —

REX INGRAM's (the man who made "The Four Horsemen," "Scaramouche" and "Marc' Nostrum") Giant Production

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FEATURETTES — FOX NEWS FATHER REVIEW

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At the Playhouses**AMUSEMENTS**

The Screen
Capitol—"The Magician," featuring Alice Terry and Paul Wegener.
Columbia—"The Blue Eagle," starring George O'Brien.
Dominion—Rudolph Valentino and Alice Terry in "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse."

The Stage
Coliseum—"Oh Boy."
Playhouse—"The Rockland Avenue Romance."
Crystal Garden—Swimming and Dancing.

CAPITOL Alice Terry has almost established herself on the screen as a French girl, although she was born in Vincennes, Indiana. "The Magician," which is now showing at the Capitol Theatre, is the fifth picture in which she plays the part of a French girl. In "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," "Scaramouche," "The Conqueror," "Powers of More Noise," Miss Terry played a French character. The beautiful blonde actress speaks French fluently. "The Magician" is Rex Ingram's newest production for Metro-Goldwyn and besides Miss Terry the cast includes Paul Wegener, Furman Gemier, and Ivan Petrovich.

DOMINION Rex Ingram's "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" first brought fame to Rudolph Valentino, fast to triumph to the Dominion Theatre. Alice Terry plays opposite him in this Metro-Goldwyn screen epic, which is a vivid picturization of the famous Blasco Ibanez novel. Most people have seen the beginning of this epic of the film in any other screen play in years. The greatest picture of the great lover of the screen—Rex Ingram's stupendous achievement—film masterpiece that has made motion-picture history—returns to triumph to the screen.

COLUMBIA That swiftly moving tale of the high seas, "Fox Fire," and "The Blue Eagle," will bring final triumph to the Columbia Theatre today. It is one of the finest stories of the men and ships of the American Navy during the war yet produced, and unfolds with absorbing interest a tale of love and battle that will long remain in the memory of those who see it. This is decidedly the kind of picture that no one should miss.

PLAYHOUSE For the first time since she played "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," Louise Fazenda is seen as her beautiful radiant self in Warner Bros.' production of "Footloose Widows," now showing at the Playhouse Theatre. In "Footloose Widows" she first appears as a small-town New York shop girl who later develops into a mysterious beauty, blooming exotically but with the subtle spirit of her usual excellent humor, against the background of an exclusive Florida winter resort.

COLISEUM "Oh, Boy," at the Coliseum tonight will end its blythe career, and from the appreciation shown during the week, the venture of putting on the stage a musical comedy seems to have met with public approval. The extremely decorative bevy of girls are working smoothly and the show goes over with a pep that holds the audience right through.

Pauline Frederick in Greatest of Comedies At Royal Thursday

A great star in one of the greatest comedies that has been produced in years will be the attraction for our theatre-goers on Thursday, Friday and Saturday next week, with a Saturday matinee at the Royal Theatre when Edward D. Smith presents Pauline Frederick in Somerset Maugham's "Oh, Boy." No better play could have been selected to bring this popular star back to the spoken drama than this comedy. It was in light comedy that Miss Frederick began her career on the stage and in it scored most of her successes. She is the author of Maugham's masterpiece she finds herself back in an element that she loves and in which she will be seen at her best.

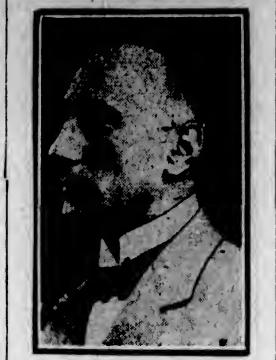
"We're in the Navy"
Funniest of Films at Dominion Monday

"It's the figure, not the uniform," says Wallace Beery in explaining the popularity of service men with the fair sex. "This stuff about women 'falling for shiny buttons' is in the bunk," declares Paramount's star. "I've known lots of sailors and doughboys who were good-looking fellows, but they cut a swaggle enough. But—the gob's physique has to be that of a young Adonis to really dress up a uniform. For instance, my buddy, Raymond Hatton, looks great. His regard moulds itself around his body. Yet, when he comes round me, Raymond Hatton is cornered in the tent they're draped in stars with Beery in Edward Sutherland's "We're in the Navy Now" which arrives at the Dominion Theatre Monday. Chester Conklin and Tom Kennedy have featured roles.

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Dutch Professor Is Visiting in Canada

DR. ERNST COHEN
Professor of physical chemistry in the University of Utrecht, Holland, at present visiting Canada. He is one of the leading physical chemists in the world today. He is a member of many international scientific societies.

Making Virgin Sod of Former Arid Prairies

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 10.—Vast expanses of rolling prairie in the western part of Kansas once the exclusive domain of jackrabbits, prairie dogs and their like, still beckon the farmer, and gradually the virgin soil and depression that once were buffaloes' feeding grounds are broken. A half million acres of virgin prairie sod have been turned by the plough in Western Kansas this Fall. It is but a portion of the eleven and a half million acres that is reported needed to wheat in the State that the nation's bread basket may be full next year.

"How many women did you try to marry before you got me?" she snapped in anger.

"Must have been twelve," he answered sadly. "I never counted 'em, but I surely must have been twelve."

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CFCY, Victoria, B.C. (329.5m)—8 a.m. Children's program, including "Dollie Wright, Arthur Stevens, Mona Clapp, etc." 10:30 a.m. "Music Box" featuring "Mabel" and "Ginger" 12:30 p.m. "Columbia" 1:30 p.m. "Columbia" 2:30 p.m. "Crystal" Garden orchestra, courtesy of the Columbia Club.

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MARINE and TRANSPORTATION

COMPANY MAY SELL TRANSPORT LINES

HEAD OF I.M.M. SAID, TO HAVE OPENED NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER INTERESTS

Fleet Consists of Nine Vessels With Aggregate of 91,679 Tons—May Be Sold to English Company

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Reports that Sir J. S. Morgan, president of the International Mercantile Marine, has entered into negotiations with other British interests for the sale of the Leyland and Atlantic Transport Line, Ltd., persisted in steamship row yesterday. The disposal of these two subsidiary companies will practically strip the I.M.M. of all its foreign fleet, though it failed to verify the rumor that the United States naval fleet and other Shipping Board tonnage may yet be seen under the control of Mr. Franklin.

Within the identity of the interests seeking the acquisition of the Leyland Line and Atlantic Transport, Ltd., has thus far remained a secret. It is asserted from reliable sources that the buyer may be sold either to Sir John Reeves Ellerman, one of England's leading shipping magnates, who at one time owned the Leyland Line, or to Furness Withy & Co., prominent shipper in negotiating for the White Star Line.

Ruin Huge Fleets

Both companies owned and operated huge fleets of freight ships in many trade lanes. The Leyland Line could fit into their scheme of things very easily. The Ellerman interests are believed to be the most likely purchasers, in many quarters, as Sir John is reported to cherish a desire to once more control the fleet which he sold to the elder J. J. Morgan many years ago. It is also reported that at the time of the sale a clause in the sales contract was drawn up which prevented Sir John from competing with the ships he sold for a term of years. It was hinted yesterday that this contract is about to expire.

The last available figures show that the Ellerman interests control a fleet of 295 ships of approximately 1,827,322 tons. These ships run in well established services and are known to every shipping man. The acquisition of the Leyland Line would add thirty-two ships aggregating 215,945 tons.

Owens Nine Vessels

The Atlantic Transport Line, Ltd., is made up of a fleet of nine vessels and a half interest in another, the total aggregate being 91,679 tons gross. Two of these are the sister ships Minnetonka and Minne-

apolis, built only a few years ago, now operating in New York-London passenger trades.

With the White Star Line disposed of to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company and the reported negotiations for the Leyland and Atlantic Transport ships under way, the I.M.M. will, in the event of selling the latter two services, own have five foreign flag lines. Its home trades are operated by the Red Star Line in the New York-Lapland run. Four, the Belgenland, Lapland, Pennland and Zealand, fly the British flag, while the Samland is of Belgian registry.

Red Star Fleet Sale

It is believed that the next service

Passengers' Baggage To Be Subjected to Rigid Examination

MELBOURNE, Dec. 10.—(Vancouver Province Cable)—In future all passengers arriving in Australia from overseas will be subjected to rigorous examination with regard to baggage, according to an official statement issued by the Commonwealth Government.

Passengers will be required to make out a complete list of their belongings, and make a statutory declaration in regard to the accuracy of their list of effects.

to be sold would be the Red Star, which would leave the I.M.M. with only seven ships all under the American flag. Two of these, the Finland and the Lapland, are the sister ships, are listed under the ownership of the I.M.M. It is rumored that the Kronland, now tied up, may be sold.

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HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT
FIFTY CLOWNS
OLD-TIME SHEIK AND
MILKMAID

HOBBY RIDERS
WILLIE WINKIES
FRUIT AND VEGETABLES
JACK-IN-THE-BOX
TOTEM POLES

BAND, TOADSTOOLS AND
FAIRIES
OLD WOMAN WHO LIVED
IN A SHOE
JACK AND JILL

CINDERELLA, PRINCE AND
FAIRY GODMOTHER
OGOPOGO
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Hand-worked models to clear today at less than cost. A splendid opportunity for gift buyers. There are Cushions, Aprons, Children's Dresses, Pantie Dresses, Boudoir Pillows, Crib Pillows, Rompers and Romper Suits, Stuffed Dolls, Laundry Bags, Corn Scarfs, Tea Cloths, Luncheon Sets, Buffet Sets and Bureau Scarfs.

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Very good looking are these Umbrellas, covered with cambrie, gloria or silk, and with such smart novelty handles. Wide range of prices. Cambrie covered at \$1.50 and \$2.00
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A visit to our Book Department will give you a thousand and one delights, to say nothing of as many ideas for gifts. There you will find classics as well as modern poetry and fiction so displayed to make choosing easy, priced upwards from 50¢
A special display of Children's Books is remarkably fine—books for all ages, priced upwards from 50¢ to 5.00
—Lower Main Floor

Gift Stationery

If you haven't seen the lovely new Stationery we are showing this season, you will miss something which will fill many a gift need most admirably. In conservative light colors as well as white, club, personal and note size. Beautifully boxed. Priced from 50¢ to \$5.00
—Stationery, Lower Main Floor

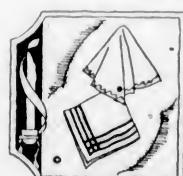
Men's Better-Grade Kid Slippers

Romeos and Everetts, with turn soles, at \$3.50
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Gift Sweaters

Smart Novelty Silk and Wool Cardigans for Women and Misses, \$6.90
Showing the new roll collar Cardigan, finished at bottom, with two pockets. Most attractive shades of fawn, mauve, grey, white and black. \$6.90
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Gift Handkerchiefs For Women

We are showing a charming collection of dainty Handkerchiefs, in all colors, with embroidered edges and corners or bright hand-blocked designs, in lawn and linen, from each 15¢ to 35¢
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Our assembly of beautiful Linens will prove a great resource for practical Christmas gifts. Here you will find the finest from the looms of Ireland, snow-white fabrics woven in all the noted designs. Table Cloths, Runners, Squares, Doilies, Napkins—all sizes, all prices.
Call at the department and see the great range.
—Linens, Main Floor

Fine Quality Boudoir Slippers

For Women, in a Great Choice of Pretty Styles
Quilted or plain satins, many with embroidered toes and multi-colored effects, at \$2.00 and \$3.00
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Children's Novelty Slippers

Of First Quality Felt
Barney Google, Gollywog and Bunny Rabbit designs, put up in gift boxes, at \$1.45, \$1.25 and \$1.00
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Girls' and Children's Kimonos

For Christmas Gifts
Beacon Cloth Kimonos for girls from 12 to 15 years; nice styles, trimmed with satin or silk cord. An ideal gift, each, \$4.95 and \$5.95
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Ties and Handkerchiefs

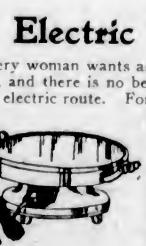
Popular Gifts for Men
To say our Men's Furnishings Section is well stocked with these ever-popular gifts would be putting it mildly. The wonderful selection includes all the best and most beautiful of the world's productions, with prices ranging from the lowest possible value up to the newest and best. Make your selection of Ties or Handkerchiefs while the stock is at its best.
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A new range of styles in Boots and Oxfords for dress and business. All weights. Admittedly England's best shoe value for men at \$7.50
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Nickel-Plated Hot Plate \$2.25
Two-Element Hot Plate \$8.75
Electric Aluminum Percolator \$6.50
Electric Curling Iron \$1.95
Electric Waffle Irons \$10.25
Electric Table Lamps \$5.25 to \$14.50
Electric Clamp Lamps \$3.25 to \$4.50
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